for Assam, the KVIC provides margin money assistance at the rate of 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 30% of Rs. 10 lakh plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost for the State of Assam. The Scheme is implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, State Cooperative Banks, etc. As on 31.3.2003, 984 projects have been financed generating 15071 job opportunities in the State of Assam. During the year 2002-03, 559 number of projects have been financed in Assam generating 7003 number of jobs.

Besides this cluster development programmes for pottery and handmade paper have been taken up under a United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) project for technology upgradation.

(c) An amount of Rs. 375.68 lakhs and Rs. 1092.18 lakhs have been allocated by the KVIC to Assam State for payment of Margin Money to the REGP beneficiaries during 2002-03 and 2003-04, respectively. Besides providing margin money for establishment of village industries units under REGP, the KVIC extended financial assistance for exhibitions, publicity and training. During 2002-03, Rs. 19.01 lakhs, Rs. 6.45 lakhs and Rs. 11.29 lakhs were spent on marketing, publicity and training, respectively. For the year 2003-04, Rs. 40.70 lakhs, Rs. 28.60 lakhs and Rs. 35.63 lakhs have been allocated by the KVIC for marketing, publicity and training, respectively.

Nuclear power generating capacity

200. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to attain 4500 MW nuclear power generating capacity with Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors in the next four years and another 2320 MW would be added with Light Water Reactors taking the total to 6800 MW; and

(b) what is the target plan of Government during the Tenth Five Year Plan period and how far it would help the country to attain self-sufficiency in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The present nuclear power capacity of about 2500 MWe [12 Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) in the country is planned to be increased to about

4460 MWe (18 reactors) progressively by February 2008. The present Light Water Reactors (LWRs) capacity of 320 MWe (2 reactors) is planned to be increased to 2320 MWe (4 reactors) progressively by December 2008. The work on these 8 reactors (6 PHWRs and 2 LWRs) is progressing as per schedule and the total nuclear power capacity in the country scheduled to grow to 6780 MWe by progressively completing these projects between March 2006 and February 2008.

(b) The target in the Tenth Five Year Plan is to add 1300 MWe. In addition, the Tenth Five Year Plan also envisages commencement of work on new nuclear power projects. The nuclear power capacity additon programme is only a part of the total capacity addition programme from all sources like coal, hydrocarbons, hydro, nuclear and renewable sources for which action is being taken to meet country's requirement of electricity.

Setting up of Software Technology Parks of India

†201. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set up Software Technology Parks of India in the year 1991 for promoting software export;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that STPI is setting up software parks at various places with the cooperation of State Governments;

(c) if so, name of the States where such parks have been set up; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to set up such parks in Himachal Pradesh also, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The names of the States where Software Technology Parks (STPs) have been set up is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(d) Department of Information Technology (DIT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) has already set up a STPI Centre at Shimla. The Centre is operational since 21st July, 2001. No Proposals from Himachal Pradesh Government for setting up any additional Park is pending.

† Original notice of the question was recived in Hindi.